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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Michel Bessodes *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
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Application No.: 09/972,854 ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
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Filed: October 10, 2001 )  
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For: ACID-SENSITIVE COMPOUNDS, )  
THEIR PREPARATION AND )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

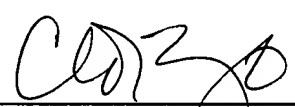
Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time to reply to a communication of November 14, 2001. A fee of \$400.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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